

23 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 23 September 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,
Mr. Irwin, Mr. McCone, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Saccio,
Mr. Smith

1. Report on Soviet Jamming

The DCI distributed copies of an FBID report on Communist Bloc clandestine broadcasts.

2. Black Radios

Mr. Allen referred again to the conversation he had had with Georgi Zhukov, Chairman of the State Committee for Cultural Relations, with particular reference to Zhukov's comments about certain radios which he alleged are clandestinely directed by the U.S. In this connection, Mr. Allen referred to the excerpt of his Memorandum for the Record which had been distributed at last week's meeting.

The Board noted that Zhukov's comments had been in the context of a quid pro quo for the cessation of Soviet jamming of the Voice of America, but felt that no formal agreement on this subject would seem to be possible.

3. Nuclear Discussions with the Soviets

Mr. McCone spoke again of his discussions with Y'emelyanov and of a speech which the latter had prepared and which had been read for him at Geneva. He referred particularly to Y'emelyanov's proposal that the U.S. and the USSR exchange 20-30 scientists who would investigate nuclear reactor capabilities of each country, with the possible objective of operating such a reactor jointly in Vienna. He said that he thought the Soviets would push this idea in future discussions.

Mr. McCone also told the Board that he had given the gist of this report to the President.

4. Great White Fleet

Mr. Saccio reported that the HOPE project was not progressing very well, since various individuals and organizations who had promised support had not actually come through. He emphasized that the project, even though on a relatively modest scale, compared to the Great White Fleet, is proving to be extremely costly.

The DCI told of his talk with Edgar Smith of TIME and LIFE, who had said that the Luce publications were retreating from their earlier strong backing for the Great White Fleet, in favor of a program more of the magnitude of HOPE, *as a starter.*

The consensus of the Board was that any project of this nature and scale could not succeed without extensive Government assistance.


5. Suggestion from Pete Brandt

Mr. Dulles then informed the Board about the suggestion made by Pete Brandt of the St. Louis Post Dispatch to the effect that there should be somewhere available information on the total scope of aid programs, both Free World and Soviet. Mr. Saccio commented that he would like to talk to Brandt but thought that this information was actually available. Mr. Murphy felt that in any case Brandt had a point and that it would be desirable to pursue his idea further.

Mr. Gordon Gray also said that Mr. Brandt had spoken with him.

6. Communist Influence in Indonesian Merchant Marine

With reference to Mr. Irwin's comments on this subject at last week's meeting, the DCI gave him an intelligence report which was disseminated last July.


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